

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 8 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1, 4 and 14, and add new claims 30 and 31, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A sustained-releasing composition of an anti-protista substance comprising :

a water-wettable polyvinylalcohol type polymer having solubility of 1 g or less per 1 liter of water,

and cetyl pyridinium chloride as an anti-protista substance

wherein, an amount of cetyl pyridinium chloride in the composition is 10 to 90 wt % of the total composition, and

a sustained-releasing effect of the anti-protista substance contained in the composition is maintained for 6 months.

**Claims 2-3 (canceled).**

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**Claim 4 (currently amended):** The composition according to claim 1, wherein a sustained-releasing effect of the anti-protista substance contained in the composition is maintained for [[2]]  
6 months.

**Claims 5-13 (canceled).**

**Claim 14 (Currently Amended):** A sustained-releasing composition of an anti-protista substance,

wherein a sustained-releasing effect of the anti-protista substance contained in the composition is maintained for 6 months,

which is obtained by kneading a water-wettable polyvinylalcohol type polymer having solubility of 1 g or less per 1 liter of water with cetyl pyridinium chloride as an anti-protista substance.

**Claim 15 (Previously Presented):** The composition according to claim 14, wherein after kneading the polyvinylalcohol type polymer and cetyl pyridinium chloride with each other, the resulting mixture is melted under heating and then the obtained melted solution is dried.

**Claims 16-21 (Canceled).**

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**Claim 22 (Previously Presented):** The composition according to claim 14, wherein the polyvinylalcohol type polymer is polyvinylalcohol.

**Claims 23-27 (Canceled).**

**Claim 28 (Original):** A method for killing of or inhibiting of propagation of a protista in a waterway, comprising allowing flowing water in a waterway to contact with the sustained-releasing composition of claim 1.

**Claim 29 (Original):** The method according to claim 28, wherein waterway is a way for waste water in a refrigerator, a freezer, an ice manufacturing machine or a showcase for freezing and cold storage, a way for waste water from an air conditioner, a drainpipe from a sink or a bathroom, a way for waste water from a factory, a trap of a way for waste water or a flush toilet.

**Claim 30 (New):** A waterway comprising the composition according to claim 1.

**Claim 31 (New):** The waterway according to claim 30, wherein said waterway is a wastewater waterway in a refrigerator, a freezer, an ice manufacturing machine, a showcase for freezing and cold storage, or an air conditioner, or is a drainpipe from a sink or a bathroom, a wastewater way from a factory, or a wastewater trap of a toilet.